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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants enclose an Information Disclosure Citation Form (PTO-1449). Copies of the cited documents are enclosed.

Documents AF and AG on the enclosed PTO-1449 form are discussed in the Background of the Invention section of Applicants' specification. Further, Applicants advise that U.S. Patent No. 4,380,966 (document AA) is in the same patent family as Japanese Publication No. 3-14192 (document AH). U.S. Publication No. 2003/0049054 (document AB) is in the same patent family as Japanese Publication No. 2003-107898 (document AI).

It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be considered by the Examiner in the above-identified patent application and that the cited documents be made officially of record therein. It is further requested that a listing of the same appear on the face of any patent which may issue from this application.

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	AF	6-67546	3/11/94	Japan				x
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